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THE AFTERMATH. PROGRESS OF RECONSTRUCTION WORK. ROAD CLEARANCES.

Further Particulars of "Storm's Legacy."

With the Peak isolated and the only means of access to Repulse Bay via the Aberdeen Road (even this has to be negotiated very carefully); with mud inches deep everywhere in the main thoroughfares and in banks where it has been removed for transit purposes, Hongkong has still much besides the memory of its severity to remind it of the terrific storm which raged on Sunday night and Monday morning.

Much, however, has been accomplished as a result of gangs of men working under supervision until a late hour last night and early this morning. A tram service to the King Edward Hotel was possible first thing this morning and later in the day a restricted service to all districts was run. The Roads Department is concentrating on the clearance of the main highways and is able to promise provisional clearances very shortly.

Stubbs Road. Stubbs Road and Magazine Gap Road have suffered more than any others, Stubbs Road more particularly between Bowen Road and Morrison Hill Road. Here there are numerous landslides, the worst slip being where the sand sheet slapping goes across. This will require the clearing of enormous quantities of earth and rock, but it is hoped by Friday to get a passage sufficient to enable cars or buses to negotiate Stubbs Road.

Magazine Gap Road. In the case of most of the other roads it is expected that provisional arrangements will be made which will enable the passage of traffic within a few days. Magazine Gap Road at one part is breached to its full width and it will be necessary to erect temporarily a bridge. The Peak Road is also partly unweaved in one place. The only means of access to the Peak, in fact, is by negotiating on foot, the old Peak Road and Wanchai Gap Road, in the case of the latter some nasty gaps having to be negotiated.

Before the Aberdeen portion of the road was cleared sufficiently to allow of traffic the footpath from the Peak to Pokfulam was used by some residents who took car as far as Pokfulam and walked up via the reservoir.

Repulse Bay Road. Good progress has already been made in clearing the new road to Repulse Bay from Bowen Road onwards. This is very largely cleared. There are numerous slips in the neighbourhood of Shauiwan but it is anticipated that the whole of the round-the-island road will be open by the end of the week.

Caine Road. The lower portion of Caine Road is closed to traffic by the subsidence of the bank near the Roman Catholic Cathedral and the opening out of the road through the Cathedral which accounted for the flooding of Wyndham Street through Glenalee. It is now possible to go through Glenalee as far as Caine Road, by chair or foot.

A large gang were at work this morning clearing the obstruction at Caine Road. A stream of water which still flows from the hill has now been diverted into the side channel of Arbuthnot Road.

The easiest way to reach Caine Road at present is for motorists to proceed up Garden Road as far as the Peak tram station, then Lower Albert Road, along Wyndham Street past the Dairy Farm to the Central Police Station, and up Arbuthnot Road. The junction at Caine Road has now been sufficiently cleared for both up and down traffic through Arbuthnot Road.

Kowloon Roads. With regard to Kowloon, both the coastal and Tai-po Roads are closed, the worst slips being the one side of Tsai Wan. Two bridges have been carried away. Temporary bridges will be erected and it is expected to make provisional arrangements for passage of traffic by the end of the week.

REPULSE BAY CONDITIONS.

Particulars as to the plight of Repulse Bay residents not available yesterday on account of their being virtually marooned have since been received. At 3 a.m. or the night, or rather the morning, of the storm, the water rushed down the hills with terrific force and swept through the big dining room of the Hotel, carrying all before it. The staff were early on the scene but

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to hospital yesterday with injuries received in a fall from the first floor verandah of a house at Stone Hill Lane. He was repairing an electric light wire by leaning over the verandah and fell to the ground on receiving a shock.

BAY VIEW DISTRICT.

A feature of the damage in the Bay View district was the disappearance of the market at Tai Hang village. The structure, about 100 feet long and standing on stone pillars, is stated to have been carried away by the flood. When investigations were made yesterday after the water had subsided, there was not a trace of the materials of the structure or the stalls.

BELIEVED DROWNED.

In a report made by a Chinese married woman at Bay View Station, she stated that her father-in-law, 67 years of age, is missing and is believed to have been drowned.

The report states that the old man went out of the hut at 3 o'clock in the morning to save his chickens. At this time water was rushing down the hillside and the man was not seen again.

QUARRY BAY DEATH?

Although not reported officially, it was gathered from a reliable source yesterday that a Chinese was electrocuted and died at Quarry Bay. He came in contact with a high tension wire which had been dislodged by boulders on the hillside above the quarters of the Sugar Refinery staff.

It was also stated that a matchstick at this point was carried away by falling boulders, but whether there were any occupants in it at the time is not yet known.

TWO MORE DEATHS.

The death of Private Nihala Ram, of the 2/5 Punjab Regiment, who was killed as a direct result of being struck by lightning—the only casualty so far reported from this source—was advised by Whitfield Barracks yesterday. The man was sleeping in his quarters at the time.

So far as police reports are concerned this is the only death ascertained in addition to the fatalities at the No. 3 pumping station. A report was made by a blacksmith, of Pak Tin village, in the Shamshuipo district, of the death of his 16-year old nephew by drowning in a pond at Kowloon City yesterday forenoon. It is stated that the lad attempted to retrieve a basket of vegetables and was carried away by the flood. The body has not yet been found.

KOWLOON CHAL.

As a result of the flood, which inundated Kowloon Chal, numerous villagers were left homeless and penniless in view of the loss of their live stock. Many have been allowed to occupy untenanted and partially completed houses on the Kowloon Tong site. Other small villages in this neighbourhood have been practically wiped out.

Kowloon Tong itself by no means escaped the general damage, one house being struck by lightning and practically cleft from top to bottom. A big lake of water which was in process of being filled in overflowed and the residents combined in diverting the flow to a nullah, otherwise all the houses would have been inundated.

TRAM SERVICES.

During the night a passage for trams was made through the debris between Arsenal Street and Garden Road and by 8 o'clock this morning trams were running on the main route from Causeway Bay

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THE BOYCOTT. CONFERENCE CONTINUES TO-MORROW. HONGKONG'S REPLY.

Canton, July 19. This morning, the full Canton and Hongkong delegations resumed the conference at the Foreign Office.

The Hongkong delegates replied to Canton's official view as to the cause of the anti-British boycott. The nature of such reply (or, in other words, Hongkong's statement of the position) was not divulged.

Adjournment was made till Wednesday (to-morrow) when the conference will be resumed.—"Wah Tsat Yat Po."

Note: An official communique issued on Saturday stated that Canton refrained from formulating any conditions of settlement pending a reply to their statement on the origin.

WATER ECONOMY.

The following official communique has been received:—His Excellency desires to impress on all house holders on the Peak and Upper Levels, who are affected by the water restrictions rendered necessary by the damage to the Pokfulam Pumping Station, the absolute necessity for the greatest economy in the use of water, and the strict control of their staff with this end in view. He feels sure that he can rely upon their loyal co-operation in this matter.

STORM ITEMS.

Mr. F. Sutton, of the Public Works Department, and popular turf enthusiast, had an arm badly cut by glass at the Hongkong Club about 3 a.m. yesterday, at the height of the storm. Mr. Sutton (who stays at the Club) rose to close a window, slipped and his arm went through the glass. Lt.-Col. T. A. Robertson and others rendered assistance and Mr. Sutton was conveyed to hospital by ambulance.

Pokfulam reservoir, at the foot of the Peak, on the south side of the island, was dry in some parts on Sunday. Yesterday morning, the water overflowed.

Owing to the absence of juniors prevented from attending the Criminal Sessions yesterday on account of the flood, Mr. Justice J. R. Wood (Puisne Judge) adjourned the Criminal Sessions until next Monday.

Several graves were affected by the flood of water at the Protestant Cemetery, Happy Valley, coffins being exposed in some cases and tombstones carried away by the flood, some being deposited on the race course. The Jockey Club wall was also broken by the same current which carried away part of the cemetery wall.

Chair coolies are reported to be making attempts to obtain extortionate payments for carrying residents to the Peak. A demand for \$6 was made of one resident returning home last night. Needless to say, this was not met.

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

The closing rate of the dollar, on demand, was 2/2 9/16.

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"ONE MAN SHOW" TAXICAB MANAGEMENT CRITICISED. ANNUAL MEETING ROW.

Lengthy questioning, which developed into discussion and argument, coupled with outspoken criticism by a shareholder who advised "shutting down," were the main features of the 3rd annual meeting of the Hongkong and Kowloon Taxicab Co., Ltd., held to-day.

Mr. J. W. Kew went into the accounts at considerable length, punctuating his questions with sarcasm and comment. Another shareholder, Mr. J. S. Harrison, also joined in. Mr. A. H. Rowe, managing director, gave most of the replies while Mr. B. Bickert (chairman) also answered Mr. Kew. Besides those mentioned there were present Messrs. Sam Pak-ming, T. N. Chau (directors) and H. M. Kew, A. Nissim, C. A. Fulcher (shareholders).

Last Year's Features.

The outstanding items in the report for the year ended April 30, 1926, are:—

1 1/2 lakhs depreciation written off in 26 months.

\$40,000 profit last year instead of \$46,000 loss, as result of farming out the fleet of taxis.

Concessions obtained from the International and French settlements, Shanghai, 50 taxis will be sent up from Hongkong.

After the report had been read by Mr. Rowe, Mr. Bickert opened his address with the customary reference to report and accounts. He then said:—

You will note that the Balance Sheet shows a profit of \$40,022.18 as against a loss of \$46,680.14 shown in our last Balance Sheet. The profit of \$40,022.18 is made after writing off \$50,055.57 for depreciation. This allowance for depreciation, together with \$108,218.45 already written off previously, makes a total of \$158,274.02 written off to depreciation in two years and two months' trading and by writing off these large amounts to depreciation it will be seen that your directors are still following that bold policy of making ample provision for depreciation which I mentioned to you at our last annual meeting, and I feel sure that such action will meet with the approval of the shareholders.

Tribute to Mr. Rowe.

You were told when we last met together that your directors had decided to farm out the company's taxis to a syndicate formed by the drivers themselves and I have pleasure in informing you that this venture has been eminently successful as by this means your directors have been able to convert a loss of \$46,680.14 into a profit of \$40,022.18 which, I think, is very satisfactory, especially when we remember the financial difficulties this Colony has undergone and is still undergoing and had these difficulties not existed our profits would have been very much greater and here I think we should pay a tribute to your managing director, Mr. A. H. Rowe, to whose able management we owe a lot.

Last year I made mention of certain calls in arrears and that the shareholders had been called on to pay with interest on third call and that in default of payment the shares would be forfeited and sold in accordance with our articles of associations. Those shareholders who failed to respond have had to forfeit their shares which have been dealt with accordingly as will be seen by reference to the balance sheet.

Shanghai Prospects.

Since our last meeting, our managing director has secured for the company a concession from both the International and French Municipalities of Shanghai to run taxis there and your directors propose to transfer about 50 of our present taxis to Shanghai, and to replace them later with other taxis for Hongkong.

By referring to the report of your directors you will note that instead of paying a dividend this year your directors thought it best to carry forward the total amount of the profit against the debit balance brought forward from last year and I feel sure that this action of your directors will meet with the approval of all the shareholders.

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NOTICES.

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THE THIRD ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of Shareholders in the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, 35 Des Voeux Road Central, on TUESDAY, the 20th of July, 1926, at 12 Noon for the purpose of receiving a statement of Account and the Report of the Directors for the year ended 30th April, 1926.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 10th of July, 1926, to TUESDAY, the 20th of July, 1926, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
A. H. ROWE,
Managing Director.
Hongkong, 9th July, 1926.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION.

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that an INTERIM DIVIDEND of 23 pence per share, subject to deduction of Income Tax, has been declared for the HALF YEAR ending 30th June, 1926, at rate of 2/2 7/8 per dollar.

The dividend will be payable on and after MONDAY the 9th August, 1926, at the Office of the Corporation, where Shareholders are requested to apply for Warrants.

THE REGISTER OF SHARES of the Corporation will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 26th July to SATURDAY, the 7th August, 1926, (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
A. H. BARLOW,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 13th July, 1926.

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LTD.

AN INTERIM DIVIDEND of TWO DOLLARS per share for the six months ending 30th June, 1926, will be payable on THURSDAY, August 5th on which date Dividend Warrants may be obtained on application at the Company's Office, 11 Queen's Road Central.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from FRIDAY, the 23rd July to WEDNESDAY, the 4th August (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
H. A. RODGERS,
Acting Secretary.
Hongkong, 14th July, 1926.

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NOTICE OF FINAL CALL.

Issue of 170,000 Shares of the
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Call of \$2.50 (Dollars two Cents fifty) per share has been made on each of the One Hundred and seventy thousand shares \$7.50 called up of this Company, and that such Call will be payable to the Company at its Registered Office, 16, Des Voeux Road Central, Hongkong, on WEDNESDAY, the 4th August, 1926.

For the Hongkong Realty & Trust Company, Limited.

C. F. V. RIBEIRO,
Acting Secretary.
Hongkong, 15th July, 1926.

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AT THE QUEEN'S.

"LILIES OF THE FIELD"
TO-DAY.

Those who saw Corinne Griffiths in "Classified," will have refreshing memories of this artist, and will welcome her re-appearance on the local screen in "Lilies of the Field," which will have a two-days' run at the Queen's Theatre, commencing to-day.

Briefly the tale deals with Louis Willing, who is reputed to be the richest bachelor in the country, as he was also the most cynical, particularly in the matter of women. Their wives and snarers disgusted him, and although he tolerated their presence for the sake of breaking the monotony of life, he treated them with a scarcely-veiled scorn and contempt which only served to make them more desperate in their attempts to win his favour.

But one evening he received the surprise of his life. He was staging a large party, for on the morrow he was to start on a tour of the world. The merry-making was at its height when Willing, weary of the antics of his guests, wandered into his library. There, perched on a ladder which gave access to the ceiling-high book-cases, sat a pretty girl, reading. So interested was she in the book that she was oblivious of everything else.

The startling contrast stunned the bachelor for a moment. In his most cynical moments he would have wagered that none of his friends or acquaintances could read. The girl was visibly frightened when she became aware of his presence, and he was ill at ease, for neither had met the other before. But from that day on their lives took a parallel course and led eventually to a lasting happiness.

It is a First National picture directed by John Francis Dillon. Corinne Griffith is cast as the "bookworm" and Conway Tearle as the bachelor. The film is based on the famous stage play by William Hurlbut.

KOWTOWING.

ODD INCIDENT AT MUKDEN
OVER A CIGARETTE.

Peking, July 1. — A foreigner well known in Mukden, had an unpleasant experience on the morning of June 27 while on his way to the Mukden golf course, reports Reuter's Mukden correspondent. A soldier held up the foreigner's riches, ordered him to alight and kowtow to a signboard on which was painted a prohibition against smoking in the neighbourhood. The circumstances were as follows:—

Seated in the richa the foreigner was smoking a cigarette. As he drew near the railway in the vicinity of which are large quantities of fodder and fuel stored in the open, he noticed the soldier on guard and recollecting that smoking was prohibited in that area he crushed the cigarette in his fingers. The soldier stopped the richa man and kicked and abused him for allowing his fare to smoke. Speaking in Chinese the foreigner told the soldier that the coolie was not to blame and that he himself had extinguished the cigarette as soon as he realised that he had come within the region where smoking was forbidden.

The military guards enforce this prohibition very strictly. When a Chinese comes along with a cigarette in his mouth he is stopped, made to kneel before the signboard and kowtow to it. Not infrequently the unfortunate ones are kept in this position for hours. They are not permitted to go on their way until it pleases the man in uniform.

Pointing to such a signboard the soldier ordered the foreigner to alight and kowtow to it. The foreigner replied that this could not be done. The soldier said that foreigners as well as Chinese had to obey the order. By this time a large crowd had assembled, and the remarks that came from it were not pleasant. Indeed matters looked very ugly. An old woman then happened along and took a lively interest in the proceedings. Addressing the soldier she said that the foreigner could not read Chinese and, therefore, he could not be expected to understand the meaning of the notice on the board. This argument did not influence the soldier, who adhered to the demand for the foreigner to kowtow. Fortunately the foreigner kept cool, and equally fortunately the soldier did not attempt to enforce his demand by laying hands on the foreigner. The struggle of wills was maintained for half an hour, and the foreigner was then allowed to proceed.

KOBE PRODUCE & MARKETS.

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dependence. Day it is expected, a higher price will be cabled from America. At present the market shows little change at 85 sen for giant square, 80 sen for medium and 82 or 83 sen for baby.

Tea. The Central Tea Association has dispatched one of its officers to Shanghai to negotiate with the Russian representative of the Tea Trust stationed there, for the export of green tea to Soviet Russia. It may be recalled that the export was resumed last year after several years of interruption. The volume of business secured last year was not large and the Japanese representative has the mission not only to arrange business for the coming year but to restore trade to the pre-war scale. The success of negotiation will go far towards removing the present depression.

Vegetable Oils. Business is active in vegetable oils, especially soya bean oil, rapeseed oil and cottonseed oil. The present condition is reported to be unusual. The active export is due to an increased consumption abroad and a favourable price for buyers, as seen in the following comparison in price per 100 lbs.—

	This Year.	Last year.
Rapeseed	Y.22.91	Y.32.00
Soya bean	22.63	26.73
Cottonseed	21.64	27.64

The difference is more than enough to cover the margin that has developed in the yen exchange during the year. Another factor for active business is that the conference freights have been reduced from 80s. to 65s.

There is little change in vegetable oils, with prices steady. Rapeseed oil, for example, is slow in the export section and manufacturers are waiting for developments of the situation before committing themselves to any definite policy. The seed, too, is quiet in China. Unless consumption demand develops the market will remain as it is.



Chancellor Luther and his Cabinet resigned after the Reichstag voted a lack of confidence. The vote was caused by failure of the Chancellor to stop President von Hindenburg's orders to fly the Imperial flag beside the Republican emblem at German Embassies.

DESPITE SQUEEZE.

BUSINESS STILL CARRIES ON.

Kwangchow, Honan, July 6.—One thing that impresses a person in this part of the country at the present time, is how business in spite of adverse circumstances, can go on much as usual. Sometimes a rich merchant is dragged to the military headquarters and fined a few thousand dollars for some imaginary infraction of law. Sometimes his messengers carrying silver to the railway are waylaid by thinly disguised soldiers and robbed of their precious burden. All the merchants are squeezed. But still they manage to carry on, and to make money, too.

Ten years ago one could travel anywhere in this district in perfect safety. Nowadays even the big main roads are none too safe. In the outlying country districts the men with money, or fields convertible into money, are constantly preyed upon by bandits and by "Red Spears" who were originally organised for the purpose of protecting the homes, but who have now become as bad as the ordinary bandits. People are becoming accustomed to this kind of a thing. Nevertheless, it is a question if a general popular uprising against militarism as the cause of these conditions, may not be nearer than some people think.

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AT THE STAR.

"WITHIN THE LAW" TO-DAY
AND TO-MORROW.

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Sworn to get square with the employer who "sent her up" as an example and finally

Married to his son as a means of obtaining vengeance, but somehow this didn't work out as planned.

These are some of the dramatic and romantic things that happen to Norma Talmadge, as Mary Turner, in the screen version of "Within the Law," the First National picture directed by Frank Lloyd, which will be shown at the Star Theatre to-day, and to-morrow. Mary, however, is a good girl at heart and everything, of course, turns out well. It is said to be Norma Talmadge's biggest picture and she is supported by a cast of exceptional talent. Her leading man is Jack Mulhall, in the role of Dick Gilder, "victimised" son of Mary Turner's hated employer. Eileen Percy plays Aggie Lynch, the blackmailer, with whom Mary forms an acquaintance that sets her life on a new course. Lew Cody is seen as Joe Garson, forger, who sacrifices himself because of his love for Mary.

Other important parts are taken by such celebrities as De Witt Jennings, Lincoln Ferguson, "Wardie Crane," Lionel Belmore, Catherine Murphy and Thomas Ricketts.

KIANGSI LOSSES.

CHINESE SAY NO WAR
DAMAGES TO AMERICANS.

The Peking "Yi Shih Pao" reports a message from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in regard to the loss of property by Americans in Kiangsi province during civil warfare in China. The United States had requested the Chinese Government to appoint some persons who together with the American appointees might investigate the case.

The Tupan and Civil Governor of Kiangsi, however, claim that there is and has been no war in the province, and therefore there can have been no loss on the part of foreigners. They object, therefore, to an investigation.

The Chinese Government telegraphed this report to the Chinese Legation in Washington. Dr. Alfred Sze has taken the matter up with the State Department, who assert that the Americans in Kiangsi did suffer losses during the war of 1924. They furthermore state that the Government of Kiangsi has misunderstood the meaning of the request made by the United States and they continue to demand that the Chinese Government negotiate with the American Minister for the appointment of delegates on both sides to conduct an investigation.

CHINESE STUDENTS.

BROTHER & SISTER CALLED
TO ENGLISH BAR.

For the first time in the history of the ancient Inner Temple, two Chinese subjects have just been called to the Bar at that Inn. They are Mr. Khye Seng Lim, and Miss Beng Hong Lim.

The fact that Miss Lim is only the second Oriental woman to don the wig and gown of the English Bar is in itself interesting, but for brother and sister of any race to be called simultaneously is unique—and unprecedented in the history of the legal profession.

Interviewed by a "Daily Chronicle" representative Mr. Lim said: "Both my sister and myself feel very much honoured and delighted at our success; but, in a way we think that the most difficult part of our career is now commencing."

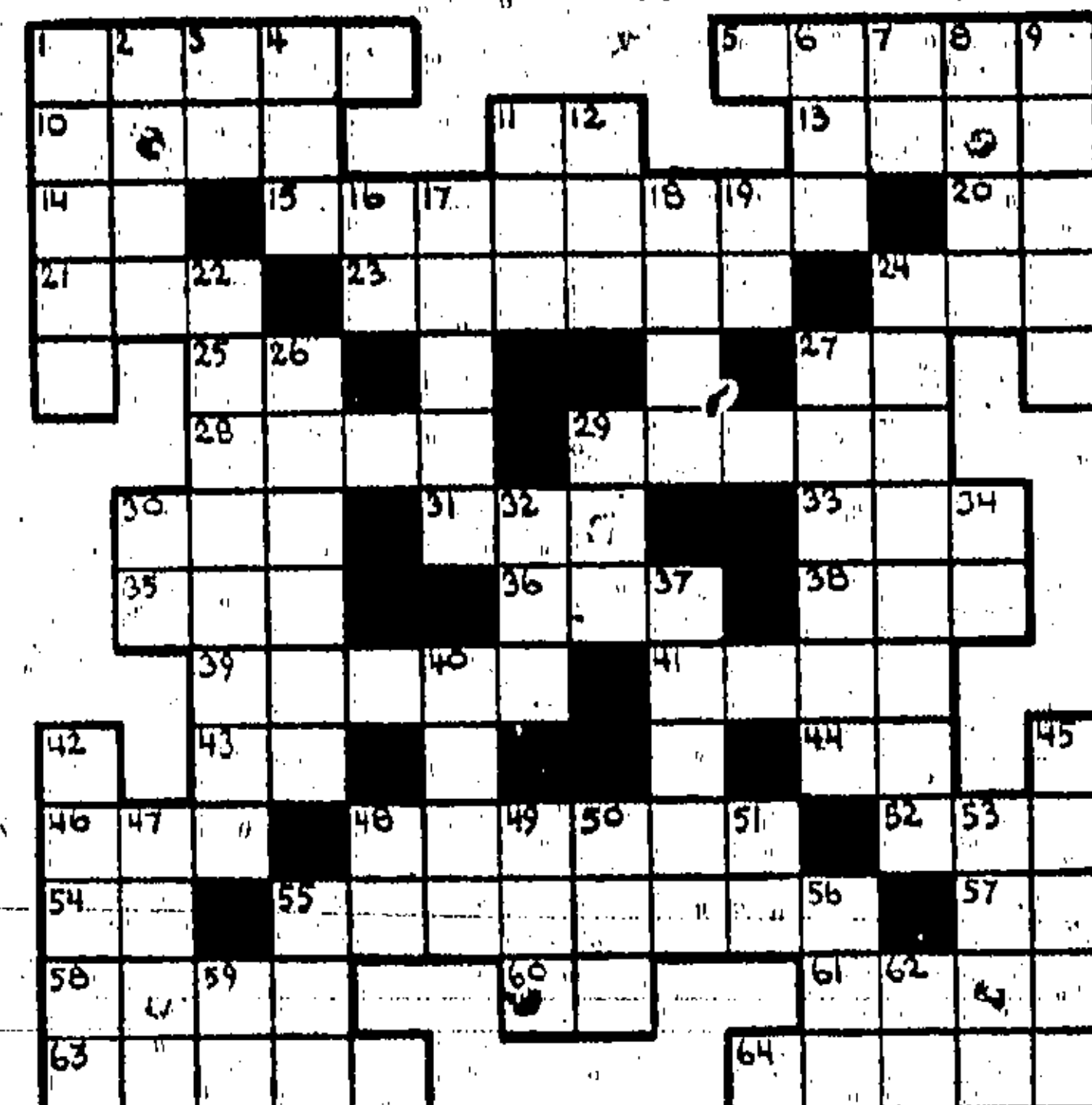
Asked if they intended to remain in England to practise, Miss Lim replied: "Oh, no; the competition in London is too great. We expect to go back to Penang and practise either there or in China."

They are son and daughter of a wealthy Penang (Straits Settlements) merchant, recently retired, and came from the East to read for the Bar six years ago.

Mr. and Miss Lim, who are still in their twenties, have shown great aptitude during their studies at London University. Both have been prominent members of the Chinese section of the university, with whom they are very popular. Miss Lim is president of the London University of Chinese Students, and Chairman of the Chinese Christian Union.

OUR CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



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HORIZONTAL	HORIZONTAL (Cont.)	VERTICAL (Cont.)
1-A famous ship	44-Pref. id	17-Old World grows
2-Islands of the S. W. Pacific	45-Pref. id	18-Musical melody
3-A mountain of Thailand	46-Slave of southern Hungary	19-French for "the"
4-Negative	47-Article	20-A bird of India
5-An American actor here	48-East India (abbr.)	21-Having resemblance of sound
6-Right (abbr.)	49-Famous Norwegian explorer	22-A barrel-maker
7-A comparison (Rhet.)	50-Central State of U. S. (abbr.)	23-To place or bring near
8-Latin for "in the year of our Lord" (abbr.)	51-A river, N. W. Belgium	24-A reef or islet, Gulf of Mexico
9-To confine	52-Ornamental newsstand	25-Snake-like fish
10-Noted Italian airman and aviator	53-Small succulent fruit	26-"What is" (Latin, abbr.)
11-A drink	54-Section of an army (abbr.)	27-Goods forth
12-Division of an army (abbr.)	55-Like	28-Color of unbleached linen
13-Like	56-A narrow and twisted place	29-To articulate
14-A section of an army	57-A passage or aperture	30-Great American aviator
15-Battle	58-Boy's name (short)	31-Point of compass (abbr.)
16-A Hawaiian food	59-Possessive pronoun	32-German for "here"
17-A corded fabric	60-Consisting of spoken words	33-Beast of burden
18-To scrutinize	61-A viper	34-Brood of pheasants (abbr.)
19-Being a unit	62-To seize suddenly	35-Offspring (abbr.)
20-To repulse	63-Japanese ash	36-Older in years (abbr.)
21-An elevated island (Western U. S.)	64-Conjunction	
22-Article		

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

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Tytam Intermediate	Level 19.3 B.	Level 19.3 B.
Tytam Tui	19.3 B.	27.9 B.
Wong Nei Chung	2.3 B.	19.7 B.
Pokfulam	0.1 B.	25.5 B.

[Note: B. denotes "Below Overflow"; figures are not in feet and decimals, but in feet and inches.]

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Total.....1,745.82 1,172.20

Consumption of water in the City and Hill District in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of June:

	1925	1926
Consumption	255.13	256.49
Estimated Population	392,140	402,460
Consumption per head per day (gallons)	21.8	21.2

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KOWLOON WATER WORKS
LEVEL.

	1925	1926
Kowloon Gravitation	4.9 B.	5.6 B.
Shau Lai Pui Reservoir	23.7 B.	17.9 B.

Storage in millions and decimals of gallons.

	1925	1926
Kowloon Gravitation	804.80	297.56
Shau Lai Pui Reservoir	23.80	83.72

Consumption of water in Kowloon in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of June.

	1925	1926
Consumption	155.09	155.00
Estimated population	155,550	155,520
Consumption per head per day (gallons)	16.6	15.4

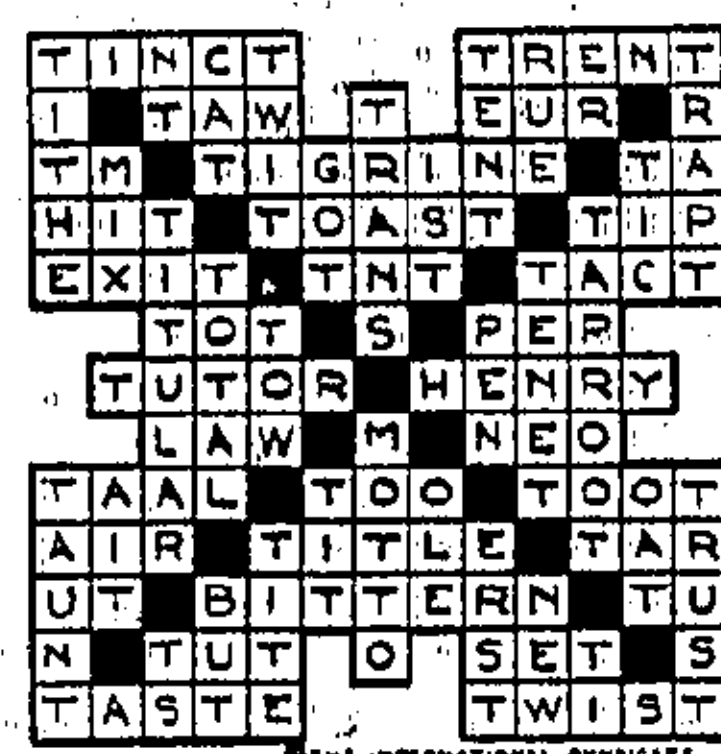
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KASHMIR	8,895	22nd July 4 p.m.	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
RANPURA	10,585	24th July Noon	Marseilles and London
DELTA	8,097	7th Aug.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
MACEDONIA	11,089	21st Aug.	Marseilles & London
KALYAN	9,144	4th Sept.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
NAGPORE	5,283	10th Sept.	Miles, L'don, H'burg, R'dam & A'werp
MALWA	10,941	18th Sept.	Marseilles and London
KASHGAR	8,005	2nd Oct.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
MOREA	10,918	10th Oct.	Marseilles & London
KHYBER	9,114	24th Oct.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
MANTUA	10,902	13th Nov.	Marseilles and London
KARMALA	9,128	27th Nov.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
MACEDONIA	11,089	11th Dec.	Marseilles and London
DELTA	8,097	25th Dec.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
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TALAMBA	8,018	22nd July	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
SHIRALA	7,841	7th Aug.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
TALMA	10,000	10th Aug.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
TAKADA	6,949	27th Aug.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
SANTHA	7,754	5th Sept.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
TILAWA	10,006	11th Sept.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta

EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS (South)

TANDA	6,956	27th Aug.	Manila, Kolambagan, Sandakan,
ST. ALBANS	4,500	1st Oct.	Thursday Island, Townsville,
ARAFURA	5,900	29th Oct.	Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne.

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MACEDONIA	11,089	23rd July	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
TALMA	10,000	24th July	Moji & Kobe
NAGPORE	5,283	2nd Aug.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
TANDA	6,950	3rd Aug.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
KALYAN	9,144	6th Aug.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
TAKADA	6,949	6th Aug.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
SANTHA	7,754	15th Aug.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
MALWA	10,941	19th Aug.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
TILAWA	10,006	20th Aug.	Yokohama only
KASHGAR	8,005	3rd Sept.	Shanghai and Kobe
ST. ALBANS	4,500	7th Sept.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
MOREA	10,918	10th Sept.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
KHYBER	9,114	1st Oct.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
ARAFURA	8,005	5th Oct.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
MANTUA	10,902	10th Oct.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
KARMALA	9,128	29th Oct.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
DEVANHA	8,155	30th Oct.	Shanghai and Kobe
TANDA	6,956	2nd Nov.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka and Yokohama
MACEDONIA	11,089	13th Nov.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
DELTA	8,097	27th Nov.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
ST. ALBANS	4,500	10th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
MALWA	10,941	10th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
KALYAN	9,144	24th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
ARAFURA	6,000	4th Jan.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka and Yokohama

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WHO'S WHO.

ON THE PRESIDENT
MADISON.
FOR HONGKONG.Among the passengers by the
President Madison which arrived
on Sunday were:—Miss T. W. Balcen, a resident of
Shanghai en route to Europe, who
is stopping over at Hongkong for a
few days.Miss Boulah Bartlett, Mrs. H.
Blecker, Mrs. H. Eckart and Miss
Blythe Monroe comprised a tourist
party from Los Angeles making a
tour of the Orient.Mrs. I. H. Geare, a resident of
Hongkong, returning from Shang-
hai. Mrs. Geare is accompanied by
her daughter and nurse.Mr. C. V. Ross, a business man
of Kobe, who is on a short business
trip to Hongkong. Mr. Ross is ac-
companied by his son.Mr. Chin Hoy, a Chinese business
man of Grand Rapids, Michigan, re-
turning to China with his wife and
daughter for a visit.

For Manila.

M. C. C. Abbott, Miss F. Dickson,
Miss A. M. McCallum, Miss A.
Thuman, Mr. V. G. Snapp, Miss R.
Moore, Miss F. Pearson, Mr. A.
Ramos, and Mr. F. Pascual are
school teachers for the Bureau of
Education at Manila.Rear Admiral Summer Kittelle,
Commandant of the Cavite Navy
Yard at Cavite, near Manila. Ad-
miral Kittelle is accompanied by
his wife and three children.Mr. L. H. Burke, representative
for the Far East for the Diston
Saw Company who is on a short
visit to the Philippines in the in-
terests of his company.Mr. C. C. Hewes, connected with
the United States Consular Ser-
vice, on a short trip to the
Philippines.

PASSENGER LIST.

ARRIVALS.

List of passengers arrived by
the s.s. "President Harrison" on
July 19:—Miss A. V. Franklin, Mr. A. W.
Reynall, Mr. J. Struthers and Mr.
W. Moss.List of passengers per R.M.S.
Empress of Russia which arrived
at Hongkong on July 19, 1926:—
Mr. H. A. Anderleit, Mr. F. G.
Quinones, Mr. F. Rudeoff, Mr. F. G.
Syburg, Rev. E. Ancito, Rev. J.
Lim, Rev. L. Paquing, Sister M.
Bourginon, Sister E. Heaney, Mrs.
F. Vda de Carlos, Rev. J. L. Hsien,
Rev. T. A. Shanahan, Rev. F. Des.
Beardon, Mr. H. Landan, Rev. C. A.
Roth, Rev. F. H. Schorberg, Rev.
J. T. Moran, Mr. F. H. Taylor, Mr.
V. Parapan, Mr. F. M. Panillo,
Mr. W. Richardson, Miss T. Selim,
Miss M. Stein, Mr. T. A. Smart, Mrs.
Smart, Miss C. Toye, Mr. J. Toles,
Mr. H. Wall, Mr. C. F. Diddle.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The P. & O. s.s. "Macedonia" left
Singapore for this port on July 18,
at 9 a.m. with the outward English
Mails, and is due here on July 22
at about 6 a.m.The B. L. s.s. "Talma" left Singa-
pore for this port on July 17 at
p.m. and is due here on July 22
at p.m.The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of
Russia", Capt. A. J. Hosken,
R.N.R. Commander, will leave here
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Yokohama at noon on July 22.The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of
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Aug. 4.—J.C.J.L. Tjikini
FROM SHANGHAI.July 20.—M.M. Andre Lobon
21.—N.Y.K. Taiyo Maru
22.—Line Pres. Wilson
25.—N.Y.K. Hakozaki Maru
25.—C.N. Szechuan
25.—P. & O. Mantua
25.—J.C.J.L. Tjaneas
26.—N.Y.K. Sado Maru
30.—A.O.L. Pres. JacksonAug. 9.—J.C.J.L. Tjisonary
11.—A.O.L. Pres. McKinley
23.—A.O.L. Pres. Jefferson
FROM SINGAPORE.July 29.—B.F. Ixion
30.—B.F. Teiresias
31.—B.F. Helenus
Aug. 4.—B.F. Sarpodon
17.—B.F. Telemachus
21.—B.F. Teucer
23.—B.F. Medon
FROM MANILA.Aug. 13.—B. & S. Changto
16.—C.P.S. Empress of Asia
30.—C.P.S. Emp. of Canada
Sept. 12.—B. & S. Taiping
Oct. 11.—B. & S. Changto
FROM SAIGON.July 21.—M.M. Metzinger
FROM BOMBAY.Aug. 2.—P. & O. Nagore
23.—N.Y.K. Totori Maru
FROM CALCUTTA.July 21.—B.I. Talma
21.—N.Y.K. Morioka Maru
Aug. 4.—B.I. Takada
13.—B.I. Santha
13.—B.I. Tilawa
Sept. 1.—B.I. Talamba
FROM JAPAN.July 21.—N.Y.K. Taiyo Maru
21.—N.Y.K. Ceylon Maru
21.—N.Y.K. Genoa Maru
22.—Line Pres. Wilson
22.—J.C.J.L. Tjikandi
25.—N.Y.K. Hakozaki Maru
27.—E. & A. St. Albans
28.—N.Y.K. Sado Maru
30.—N.Y.K. Tokushima MaruAug. 2.—B.I. Shirala
9.—B.I. Talma
23.—B.I. Takada
24.—E. & A. Tanda
Sept. 4.—B.I. Santha
8.—B.I. Tilawa
23.—E. & A. St. Albans
Oct. 23.—E. & A. Arafura
Nov. 29.—E. & A. Tanda
Dec. 23.—E. & A. St. Albans
FROM JAVA.July 20.—J.C.J.L. Tjimanok
25.—J.C.J.L. Tjisonary
Aug. 5.—J.C.J.L. Tjikembang
FROM SYDNEY & MELBOURNE.Aug. 2.—E. & A. Tanda
13.—B. & S. Changto
18.—N.Y.K. Mishima Maru
Sept. 6.—E. & A. St. Albans
12.—B. & S. Taiping
21.—N.Y.K. Tango Maru
Oct. 4.—E. & A. Arafura
11.—B. & S. Changto
Nov. 1.—E. & A. Tanda
Dec. 6.—E. & A. St. Albans
Jan. 3.—E. & A. Arafura
FROM SEATTLE AND
VANCOUVER.July 20.—B.F. Tyndareus
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Aug. 1.—N.Y.K. Tenyo Maru
2.—Line Pres. Van Buren
18.—N.Y.K. Korea Maru
FROM LONDON.July 22.—P. & O. Macedonia
24.—G.L. Genifir
24.—J.C.J.L. Zosma
Aug. 5.—P. & O. Kalyan
5.—G.L. Glenogie
19.—P. & O. Malwa
24.—G.L. Glenamoy
FROM EUROPEAN PORTS.July 28.—J.C.J.L. Zosma
31.—N.Y.K. Hakone Maru
Aug. 5.—H.S.L. Muensterland
8.—H.A.L. Vogtland
14.—N.Y.K. Suwa Maru
23.—J.C.J.L. Ootokork
28.—N.Y.K. Fushimi Maru
31.—H.S.L. OldenburgSept. 1.—N.Y.K. Hakozaki Maru
20.—J.C.J.L. Ootokork
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STORM PRECAUTIONS.

Public interest in the havoc created by the great storm is still very great, and is not likely to be diminished for some time. Predominant is the sense of relief that the casualties have been comparatively negligible. The Colony has had a marvellous escape from what might easily have been a catastrophe far exceeding that of the Po Hing Fong disaster of July last year. On that occasion the damage was circumscribed, although the casualties were unfortunately very heavy. On the present occasion the ravages of the storm have extended throughout the whole Colony, both on the Island and on the Peninsula. Scarcely an inch of territory has escaped the ravages of the storm. In addition to the usual perils of floods and landslides, the menace of lightning was added to the frightfulness. And yet the number of killed and injured, so far as is officially known, can be counted on both hands.

Now that the storm has passed and the danger is over, attention will be confined to the work of rehabilitation. With that work there is bound to be some searching questions asked with a view to ascertaining if all possible precautions were taken by the authorities to minimise the risk of disaster during a storm of such magnitude. It may be rejoined that no one could predict such; and that, therefore, such questions could only be superfluous. Storms cannot be controlled, of course, but storm effects can and should be controlled. To take only one instance—that of the huge boulder, almost the size of a small house, that crashed on to the Pumping Station near the University, resulting in the loss of five lives. The existence of this particular boulder must have been known to those who passed the plans for the Pumping Station when it was originally built. It may have to their minds seemed so firmly stanchioned as to be perfectly secure for centuries to come,—that is, if they thought anything about it at all, which is not likely. Knowing the danger of boulders in general during rain storms in the Colony, it would have been thought that in the passing of plans for public works and dwell-

ing it would be deemed imperative to remove all boulders in the vicinity by means of blasting. Again, at the end of Russell Street, two immense boulders fell from the hillside in a minor landslide, one of them crashing into the corner pillar of a house, breaking off this support almost at the top, where it joined the first floor. When the plans for this particular house were passed, did no one in authority regard the proximity of these two immense boulders in the light of a possible menace during a storm? Did no one suggest that they ought to be removed by blasting before building operations were permitted? If not, then it appears that in future building operations this phase of local storms might well be taken into consideration as an insurance against future catastrophes.

There are doubtless other aspects of the storm damage that warrant equal enquiry, but comment on these can be deferred for the present.

OBITUARY.

DR. MRS. J. FRASER.

It is with regret that we have to record the death of Mrs. J. Fraser, wife of Mr. J. Fraser, formerly of the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs and now District Officer North and resident at Taiipo. Mrs. Fraser, who came out seven years ago as a medical missionary in connection with the London Missionary Society, was then Dr. Gladys Turner. She was attached to the Alice Memorial and Maternity Hospital (Nethersole and Affiliated Hospitals) and rendered invaluable services in connection with that institution. After her marriage she kept up her connections with the London Missionary compound in Bonham Road where she had many friends. Until recently she had remained a member of the Midwife's Board.

Mrs. Fraser was a native of Birmingham and had studied at the University there, also at Aberystwyth and Glaston.

The funeral takes place to-morrow evening at Happy Valley Cemetery.

BOXER FUNDS.

REPORT EXPECTED AT EARLY DATE.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

London, July 13. In the House of Commons, in reply to questions, Mr. G. Lockhart-Lampson, Under Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, stated that the report of the delegation to China would be submitted by the Boxer Indemnity Advisory Committee soon. That Committee had already approved of one of the delegation's recommendations, which His Majesty's Government had adopted in principle, subject to Parliamentary approval, namely, that after the general lines of expenditure had been laid down the control and administration of the fund shall be entrusted to a joint Board of trustees in China, which will submit an annual statement of receipts and expenditure to the Governments of China, and Great Britain. This decision would necessitate an amendment of the Act and legislation would be introduced in due course.

Replying to Mr. A. A. Somerville (Conservative Windsor) Mr. Lockhart-Lampson said that there would be three Chinese members on the Board of Trustees.—Reuter.

FRENCH CRISIS.

HERRIOT SUCCEEDS IN TASK.

CABINET COMPLETED.

Paris, July 19. M. Herriot announced at noon that a Cabinet would be formed by the evening. He says that he has been assured of the co-operation of some of his colleagues. This is regarded as meaning that the Cabinet will be based on a Union of the Left Parties, and will probably include M. Herriot as Premier and Foreign Minister, and M. De Monzie, who is an advocate of the capital levy, as Minister of Finance.—Reuter.

Other Members.
Paris, later.
M. Herriot completed his Cabinet at midnight.

M. Herriot is Premier and Foreign Minister; M. De Monzie is Minister of Finance; M. Painleve is War Minister; and M. Loucheur is Minister of Commerce.—Reuter.

Franc in London.

London, July 19.

French francs in London closed at 222.25 and Belgian francs at 209.50.

Bid for Cartellist Support.

Paris, later.

Compared with M. Briand's Cabinet, M. Herriot's list is completely new. It contains several little-known personalities, but betrays the strongest bid for Cartellist support in M. Chautemps (Interior), Renault (Marine), Bonnet (Pensions), and Daricé (Colonies).

The Ministry is mainly Radical-Socialist and preponderantly Cartellist, though excluding Socialists who, like De Monzie, favour the capital levy but withhold their support pending the development of the Government's policy. On the other hand a leaning toward the Centre is revealed in the choice of M. Painleve and M. Loucheur—a latter a millionaire who was largely responsible for the post-war reconstruction of the devastated regions.—Reuter.

Unhappy Auspices.

Paris, later.

Judging by the anticipatory newspaper comment, M. Herriot's Ministry has opened under the unhappiest auspices.

The Journal des Debats (Republican) says that whereas France needed a Government, she is getting a Ministry of national calamity. Le Temps (Republican) says that instead of forming a Ministry of the National Union for the public salvation M. Herriot has composed a Cabinet of national disunion for the salvage of the Left Cartel. It predicts a brief span, further convulsions, then the situation will become grave and then dramatic.

La Liberte expects M. Herriot to meet foreign commitments by inflation. "Our unfortunate country does not deserve to suffer such depths of calamity and infamy."

Even the Paris Soir, which supports the Cartel, doubts M. Herriot's ability to solve the crisis. It asks what his programme will be and how long will he last?—Reuter.

EARLIER CABLES.

London, July 18.

The French crisis is given prominence in all the morning papers, especially as affecting the rest of Europe.

The "Daily Telegraph" says the real difficulty is the composition of the present Chamber, in which no durable majority is formable.

The "Daily Mail" says the fall of the franc and the collapse of M. Briand's Ministry is a consequence of the burden of American War Debt which hangs over Europe and is the fruitful cause of economic and financial disaster.

The Daily News states that the gravest feature of these recurrent crises is that they are helping to bring democratic government into contempt.

The "Daily Graphic" is of the opinion that there must be a dictatorship or dissolution. A man is wanted to save France from the impotent Parliament, regarding which the paper mentions the "magic name" of Foch and also Poincare.

The "Morning Post," which prints a special article dealing with the subject of taxation in France and the "anomalous methods of collection making evasion often a simple matter," says the preliminary essential condition for restoring France is contained in the concluding lines of the Report of the Committee of Experts—"If France knows how to impose discipline upon herself."—Reuter.

Franc Quotation.

London, July 19.

French francs opened on London to-day at 230 to the £.

Herriot's Plans.

Later.

M. Herriot, who announced yesterday morning that he was determined to form a Cabinet before this evening, conferred first thing to-day with a number of members of his first Ministry.

His consultations yesterday revealed the complexity of the situa-

THE AFTERMATH.

(Continued from Page 1.)

WATER RATIONS.

As from to-day, the water supply on the island is to be "rationed," owing to damage to works.

In all rider main districts East of Eastern Street, there will be a two hours supply daily. West of Eastern Street, water will be turned on from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. daily.

(Eastern Street is the uphill thoroughfare, leading from the western waterfront, up past the tram lines, to Queen's Road West, by the Government Civil Hospital, and Lunatic Asylum to Bonham Road.)

Details will be found in an advertisement on page 12.

All water for potable purposes should be boiled.

There is also an official announcement regarding supplies to the Peak and higher levels.

PLANES COLLIDE.

SPANISH LIEUTENANT KILLED.

ANOTHER SURVIVES.

Barcelona, July 19.

As the result of a collision between two naval seaplanes at a height of 100 metres, Lieutenant Duran, who accompanied Major General Franco on his Spanish-Argentine flight, was killed.

A destroyer rescued the airman from the sea, but Duran died from his injuries after being picked up.—Reuter.

TYPHOON WARNING.

The local weather forecast until noon to-morrow is variable winds, moderate, overcast, and showery at first, improving later.

Warning of a typhoon of unknown intensity within 120 miles of Lat. 17 degrees N. Long 125 degrees E., moving N.W., was issued by the Observatory this forenoon. A Shanghai message received by the Observatory this morning states:—Typhoon of unknown intensity within 120 miles of Lat. 15 degrees N. Long. 127 degrees E., moving W.N.W.

Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.94 inch. Total since January 1, 61.02 inches, against an average of 46.60 inches.

CHINESE WORKERS.

FORBIDDEN TO GO TO GERMANY.

Some time ago the Commissioner of Foreign Affairs of Fengtien Province received a Note from the Waichiaopu, Peking, conveying the request of Germany for engaging Chinese industrial workers to be sent home and employed at various factories.

It is now learned that Germans started to induce men employed at the Mukden Arsenal and Electric Light Co. to go to Europe. Some having consented to go to Germany, Mr. When Chih-pai, Acting Director of the Arsenal, requested Governor Mo Teh-hui to exercise proper control so as to prevent trained men from being enticed away.

In compliance with the request, the Governor has issued an order instructing all the Taoying and magistrates in the Province to arrest and severely punish men who allow themselves to be persuaded to go to Germany, or persons who engage in the work of canvassing among Chinese workmen on behalf of Germany.

He offered the Socialists an extensive share of the portfolios, but was told they would only join the Cabinet on condition that they received the portfolios of Finance and War, and they also insisted on the acceptance of the Socialist finance programme, including a Capital Levy.

As regards the other suggestion, namely, a Ministry of the National Union, the insurmountable obstacle appears to be the refusal of M. Marin, leader of the Republic-Democratic Union, who always advocated such a Ministry, to serve under M. Herriot, while the Radical-Socialists refuse to co-operate with men like Tardieu and Marin.

There remains the idea of a Cabinet of Republican concentration, in which eventually M. Herriot might appeal for co-operation to personalities like M. Poincare.—Reuter.

AMAZING SCENES.

ARMED GANG SHOOT DOWN. POLICE.

INSPECTOR WOUNDED.

Tientsin, July 19. Amazing scenes occurred in the early hours of this morning when an armed gang shot down a number of Police in the British and Japanese Concessions, among those seriously injured being Assistant Inspector Kellacher, of the British Concession Police.

It appears that a policeman on duty on the meadows at the Racecourse Road corner stopped a jinrikisha containing a Chinese carrying a suspicious bundle. On being examined at the Police Station this was found to contain revolvers and ammunition.

Raiding Party.

Acting on information given by the arrested man Inspector Kellacher organised a raiding party, numbering about a dozen, who entered a house in the London Road district, where they were met by a fusillade from guns from about a half dozen heavily armed ruffians. Inspector Kellacher fell, pierced by three bullets in the body, whilst a Chinese corporal was also shot down, after which the gang broke through the cordon and cleared away, apparently escaping into the Japanese Concession.

Three Constables Shot. About two a.m. a Chinese policeman in the Japanese Concession called on two suspicious characters to stop, whereupon he was shot down. Two more Police, on coming in response to a whistle, were also shot down, terribly wounded.

The Japanese Police authorities took the strongest precautions and the Concessions were literally encircled with Police, but the ruffians cleared through into the Chinese City.—Reuter.

DUKE OF YORK.

TO OPEN AUSTRALIAN PARLIAMENT.

Melbourne, July 19. Lord Stonehaven, Governor-General of the Commonwealth, announces that H.R.H. the Duke of York will open the first Parliament to be held at Canberra, the new Federal Capital.—Reuter.



Duke of York.

The Sydney Sun's political correspondent was informed on May 23 that it had been virtually—almost definitely—decided that the Duke of York will open the Federal Parliament at Canberra. Australia has intimated its delighted approval.

The Duke is anxious to go, and the announcement awaits the King's sanction, which, it is hoped, will shortly be granted.

The King and the British Government specially desire that the Duke shall open the Canberra Parliament, seeing that his father opened the first Commonwealth Parliament when he was Duke of York.

The present proposal is that the Federal Parliament shall be opened at Canberra on January 26, 1927—Anniversary Day—and shall sit there for two or three days. It will then adjourn to Melbourne, and resume its sittings there until August, when it will make a permanent start at the new capital. This has been made necessary by the fact that the secretariat and other civil service arrangements will not be complete before August.

H.R.H. Prince Albert Frederick Arthur George of Windsor was born at York Cottage, Sandringham, on December 14, 1895, and on June 4, 1920, was created Duke of York, Earl of Inverness, and Baron Killarney.

The Duke's marriage, on April 26, 1923, to Lady Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon, daughter of the Earl of Strathmore, was a scene of brilliant ceremonial. A daughter was born to the Royal couple on April 20, 1926.

The Duke and Duchess last year made a tour of British East Africa.

FRENCH DEBT.

DRASTIC CRITICISM
OF AMERICA.

Debate in the Commons.

STRIKING DISCLOSURE OF
BRITAIN'S POSITION.

Rugby, July 19. In the House of Commons today a debate on the French debt settlement was initiated by Captain Wedgwood Benn (Liberal).

Captain Benn commented upon the fact that the Italian debt to this country had been reduced by 6 7 and that of France by 3 3 and he complained that the Chancellor of the Exchequer had taken no steps to urge these countries to reduce armaments, which were a menace to the peace of Europe. He asked "if this was a final settlement and would it give a stable condition of affairs in France. Referring to the safeguarding clause he said that if Germany defaulted at any time, then the whole terms of the settlement would be re-opened and the agreement would bring us in as joint creditors with France in a political squabble with Germany."

New Business.

Commander the Hon. E. Hilton Young (Liberal, Norwich) held that whilst the French debt settlement might not be a brilliant settlement, he did not think that it was possible to state otherwise than that it was a prudent settlement. We ought to concern ourselves more with new business than with old debts.

Not Enough from Continent. Mr. Philip Snowden (the former Labour Chancellor of the Exchequer) declared that Mr. Winston Churchill in this agreement could not contend that he was maintaining the principles of the Balfour Note, for he was not getting from our Continental debtors a sum which would be sufficient for us to pay the debt which we owed to America.

More Criticism.

Mr. W. C. Runciman (Liberal) criticised the letters which had been exchanged between Mr. Winston Churchill and M. Caillaux regarding the event of default of the German reparations. He declared that M. Caillaux's letter was vague and that Mr. Churchill's letter was so little definite that it would bind nobody and gave no guidance for the future.

Mr. Churchill Replies.

Mr. Winston Churchill, replying for the Government, said that nothing had happened in the debate which had led him to feel that there was any large, deep, or strong volume of Parliamentary opinion marshalled in condemnation of the course which the Government had thought fit to adopt. In regard to question of the safeguard clause there was a demand by M. Caillaux and the French Government that there should be a definite clause inserted in the agreement making payment by France to this country dependent on the payment of German reparations. The Government had consistently declined to admit any such clause into the agreement. One of the reasons why they sealed down the debt payment to France to £12,500,000 was in order that these payments should rest on the sole credit of France and should not be contingent on or directly proportionate to payments which France received from Germany. He was not going to conceal from the House that they had made a concession on this point and one which, if all things had been equal, they would rather not have made. But this concession must not be exaggerated, nor must an attempt be made to draw from it conclusions which were by no means warrantable. The letters were, of course, to be read together with the agreement, and there could be no question of the Government receding from its responsibilities as described in those letters. The letters meant what they said, and the language of those letters had been very carefully

considered. Those letters undoubtedly gave France a right, if there was a main suspension of payments by Germany exceeding half, to raise the question of her capacity to continue to pay annuities. But the British Government would remain perfectly free to argue the contrary case—to argue that there was no case whatever for modification if it was satisfied that the circumstances so warranted it.

Object of Settlement.

The object of the Government in coming to this settlement at this time had not been, as some people had suggested, to make a desperate effort to save France and other foreign currencies. He hoped that the gradual clearance of the debt dispute and the passing into a state of settlement would be a more favourable factor in the general recovery of Europe, but the British Government had sought to judge this matter entirely on the basis of what would be in the best interests of this country, namely, from the point of view of what was the best settlement that we were likely to get and what would conform to our ideas of fair settlement taking all moral and material matters into consideration.

No Parallel.

Continuing, Mr. Churchill said that it would be absurd for this country to take up the position that everything in the settlement between France and Great Britain must correspond exactly with the settlement between France and the United States. We were quite entitled to vary the conditions as much as we liked. The French debt to the United States on June 15, 1925, was £827,000,000 and with that debt were mixed not merely war debts but post-war debts. On the same date the debt of France to Great Britain was £557,000,000, including £33,500,000 in gold held in this country. The present value of the French debt payments to the United States at 4 1/2 per cent. was £12,000,000 or 49 per cent. of the debt. The present value of the French debt payments to Great Britain at the same rate of interest was £262,000,000 or 47 per cent. of the debt. So that the difference between the settlement we had effected and the settlement which France had effected with the United States was as between 47 per cent. and 49 per cent., which only varied to the extent of two per cent. Although the French debt to the United States, compared with their debt to us, was in the proportion of eight to five, payment would be made to Great Britain and United States as follows:—In the first five years the United States £22,000,000 and Great Britain £42,500,000; in ten years, United States £94,000,000 and Great Britain £105,000,000.—British Wireless Service.

U.S. ATTITUDE.

Payments Unfavorably Compared.

London, July 19.

The debate in the House of Commons on the French debt settlement was noteworthy for very frank statements in regard to the United States attitude toward the debts.

Commander the Hon. E. Hilton Young pointed out that in a few years Great Britain would be paying £28,000,000 yearly to the United States whilst she could not hope to receive more than £33,500,000 for the debts due to her from all sources. He contended that the debts should not be dealt with on a strictly commercial basis for the sake of British-American relations in the future.

Our Continental Debtors.

Mr. Philip Snowden declared that he did not regard Mr. Winston Churchill's promise to consider the representations of France for a modification of the agreement as in any way binding on any future British Government. He asserted that our Continental debtors owed us £2,000,000,000 on which we were paying £100,000,000 yearly interest, whilst we receive less than £20,000,000 from our debtors. The American debt

settlement was most unfortunate. But for it the way would have been open for a complete cancellation of the debts. America fifteen years hence would be getting the whole of the reparations paid by Germany, and none of the European Allies would be getting a single penny. That position could not permanently endure. (Cheers). Mr. Snowden suggested that the countries in Europe would have to assist France as they assisted Germany, Austria, and Hungary by means of the Dawes plan.

M. Mellon Contradicted.

Mr. Winston Churchill, in the course of a lengthy defence of the debt settlement, said that the Government was inclined to the view that within twenty years there would be a revision of all the war debts. He emphasised that if France raised the question of modification of the annuities we would be perfectly free to argue to the contrary.

Referring to the letter from Mr. Andrew Mellon (Secretary to the U.S. Treasury) he alluded to a passage in that letter which was not contained in the Reuter report, in which Mr. Mellon was represented to have stated that Great Britain borrowed a large proportion of the debts for purely commercial as distinct from war purposes, including, inter alia, the furnishing of India with silver.

Limited by Congress.

Mr. Churchill said that this was a complete misapprehension of the facts of the case. (Loud Ministerial cheers). The misapprehension was so serious that it almost made him doubt the authenticity of the passage. He emphasised that all the United States loans to the Allies were specifically limited by Act of Congress to war purposes. Every cent was spent in the United States. Between 1917 and the end of the war we had spent over \$1,000,000,000 in the United States, of which we had borrowed \$400,000,000.

The silver loan for India was treated quite separately from the war debts and was fully repaid in 1923. (Ministerial cheers). There was a good deal of resentment and ill feeling in regard to this debt, and it was most important that that resentment should not be increased by any misunderstanding of the facts.—Reuter.

In American Vaults.

Questioned about the \$3 1/2 millions mentioned in the French debt settlement Mr. Churchill said that this was the equivalent of the gold transferred to Great Britain by France in 1916 against advances made to France under the Paris agreement of August 24, 1916. He believed that that gold was now in the vaults of the Federal Bank of the United States. It was sent to America in war time and it had never been in the British gold reserve.—Reuter.

RIOT IN JAPAN.

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Tokyo, July 19.

Details of yesterday's riot at Nagano show that 100 were injured, including 20 police, two being critically hurt, whilst the Prefectural Governor and also the Chief Police were badly mauled, though not seriously.

The mob of 5,000 stormed the Prefectural Hall, and the Governor's and Police Chief's residences, and also two newspaper offices, using stones and clubs. The Police were powerless to control the situation, but the mob dispersed before the arrival of a Military detachment which was rushed from Matsumoto to the scene.

[The previous cable stated:—According to a report from Nagano, Central Japan, a riot has broken out, resulting in the Prefectural Governor's residence being stormed. The Governor himself was seriously hurt.]

CHANG KAI-SHEK.

GOING WITH BORODIN TO
CHANGSHA.

Hankow, July 18.

It is authentically reported from Changsha that the Commissioner for Foreign Affairs there has officially intimated to the Consular Body that General Chang Kai-shek and Borodin are scheduled to arrive there in three days' time.—Reuter.

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With these words, gentlemen, I will now move the adoption of the accounts and after this has been seconded I shall be glad to answer to the best of my ability any questions that any shareholder may care to ask.

Mr. A. Nissim seconded.

The Questions.

Then began the series of queries and answers, the gist of which was that:—

Taxis to be sent to Shanghai will be old ones, rebuilt here. The Hongkong fleet will still be ample, in good order and service.

Cushion covers and drivers' uniforms, in balance sheet at \$3,434.48 (whole amount written off); Such articles were used at first, but not after farming out. Most of them were lying about and were valueless.

Mr. Rowe also explained an item under furniture and fittings. Taxicabs, standing in balance sheet at \$113,844.95: There were 80 cars, worth about \$1,400 each, and they were value for the money.

Cars and trucks, \$56,779.46: Comprised Buick cars and G.M.C. trucks, of which the company were agents and sold many, some new machines being disposed of on the exchange system.

Parts and accessories, at over \$46,000: The majority was for taxis, which the lessees had to keep in repair.

People Who Don't Pay. Trade debtors (over \$32,000) was mostly rent owing by the Development Co. and Morinaga's. Steps for recovery were being taken by their solicitors.

Replying to a question as to a list of sundry creditors, and if credit was given to anybody, Mr. Birkett remarked—"If you saw the names of people who get credit and don't pay, you'd be surprised."

Fred Ellis owed the company over \$18,000 as the result of the sale to him of six motor trucks, on which the company made \$6,000 profit. The transaction was on the easy-payment plan. Mr. Ellis met his first two notes and then did not pay. The company held security, then worth \$35,000 from him, in shares of The Development Co.

Mr. Kew retorted that it was bad business to lend a director money on security of shares which now were not worth anything. Both Mr. Birkett and Mr. Rowe emphasised that the deal was not a loan, but a sale.

Cars in Colony.

On the Buick agency, the company made \$7,000 this year and \$25,000 the year before.

When Mr. Birkett observed that there were more Buick cars in the Colony than any other make, Mr. Kew retorted—"Yes, in Rowe's godown."

Another remark of Mr. Kew's followed an explanation by Mr. Birkett that the company employed a number of workmen to put cars up, in show-windows, etc., to expedite sale. Mr. Kew said—"I suppose the workmen are to look after the new Buicks."

Mr. Birkett observed that \$15,000 for salaries and wages was not a big item for twelve months. Mr. Kew—"No, when you say it slowly."

In Deep Water?

In advising the directors to discontinue business, Mr. Kew said something about the possibility of getting into deep water in future and shareholders being

afraid that a call of \$2.50 per share might be made.

Mr. Birkett—"What for? We don't owe any money."

Mr. Kew—"The best course, take it from me, is to wind up before further trouble. This is a one man show, run for the benefit of Mr. Rowe."

Mr. Kew complained that there was no working account in the report. Mr. Birkett said that they published the working account last year. It enabled another company to start because the turnover was given. The accounts were printed as advised by the chartered accountants.

Several times Mr. Kew said that the directors had acted in a lax manner. The shareholders were mostly poor people, he added.

How It Ended.

"Instead of sending taxis to Shanghai, you had better get good cars here and replace the rattle-traps. Make this part pay first before embarking elsewhere."

Mr. Kew also commented on the expense he alleged to have been incurred by Mr. Rowe in trips to Shanghai and Haiphong.

When put to the vote, the accounts and report were carried, there being no dissentient.

Other business passed by the meeting comprised:—

Re-election of Mr. H. Birkett and Mr. T. N. Chau as directors—proposed by Mr. C. A. Fulcher, seconded by Mr. A. Nissim.

Re-election of Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews as auditors—proposed by Mr. T. N. Chau, seconded by Mr. Sum Pak-ming.

Shadows Before.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED
IN THE "MAIL."

Entertainments.

July 20—Queen's Theatre: "The Bandolero."

July 20—Star Theatre: "Within The Law."

July 20—World Theatre: "Lady of the Night."

July 21—Brock Moore's California Collegians, the World's Greatest College Entertainers will appear at the City Hall.

July 26—Preliminary vocal rehearsals of "The Pirates of Penzance" at Cathedral Hall, 6.30 p.m.

July 27—Demonstration on Mental Telepathy, Magnetism, Auto-suggestion and Hypnotism at the City Hall, by the eminent Psychologist, Prof. Langner, M.L.L.C. at 9.18 p.m.

August 6—Band night at Volunteer Headquarters, 9 p.m.

Meetings.

July 22—Twenty-ninth annual meeting of the China Provident Loan & Mortgage Co. Ltd., St. George's Building, 11.30 a.m.

August 4—Meeting of creditors of the Oriental Commercial Bank Ltd., at 25, Des Voeux Road, Central, 3 p.m.

August 9—General meeting of Luen Mow S.S. Co. Ltd., 65, Connaught Road, Central, 2 p.m.

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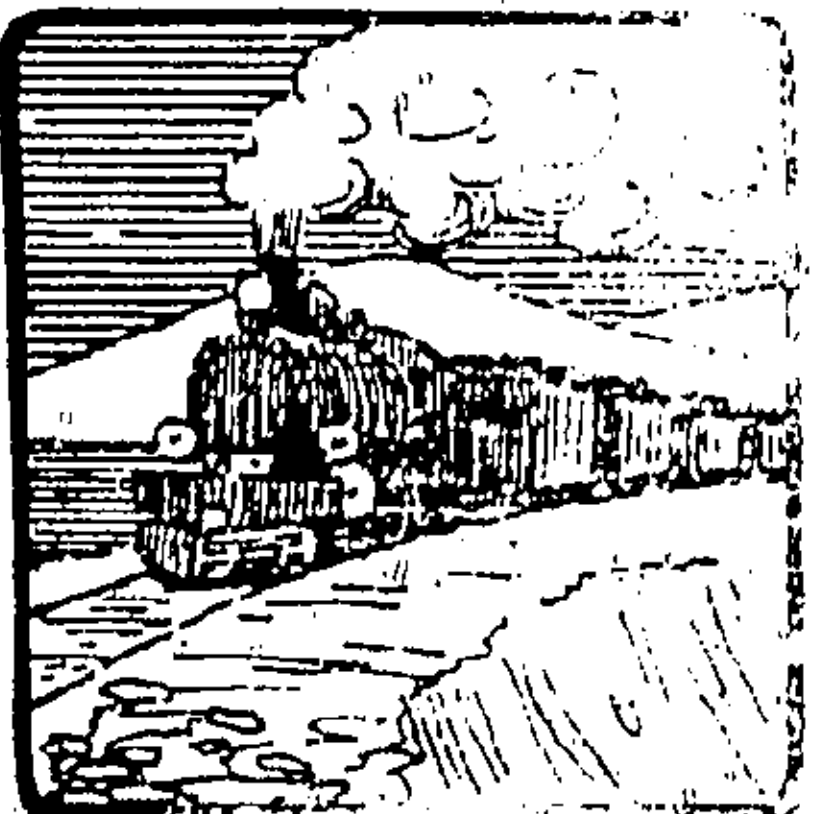
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Looking along Des Voeux Road Central, yesterday, eastwards, along the Hongkong Hotel front and the new Realty building, with Alexandra Building on the left. The mud and height of the flood left visible marks on the surrounding.

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Fifty houses were razed by a morning blaze in the town of Oya in the Prefecture of Nagano, Japan, on July 8.

Brick Morse's California Collegians give their last show in Hongkong at the Theatre Royal, starting at 9.15 to-night—usual prices.

The meeting of the Hongkong Development Building & Savings Society Ltd., to consider voluntary liquidation, is to be held to-morrow at the City Hall at 3 p.m.

Hangchow as well as Shanghai appears to be suffering from a rice famine, and a meeting of Chekiang residents has been held to decide ways and means of distribution relief.

A surtax of five per cent. on all passengers and freight passing over the Shanghai-Nanking and Shanghai-Hangchow-Ningpo railways is being imposed, the order having been given, it is reported, by Marshal Sun Chuen-fang himself.

Twenty representatives of the cotton mill labourers in Pootung met on July 10 and decided that a delegation should be sent to the chief of the Woonung and Shanghai constabulary, to demand that the Shanghai General Labour Union be re-opened.

Gen. Lu Hsiang-ting, Tupan of Chekiang, is making a tour of the province to inspect his troops and examine his defence posts. He is very heavily guarded and a gunboat has been placed at his disposal for when he travels by water. Gen. Lu is now in Ningpo.

The reports published in the Shanghai papers to the effect that the German community of Shanghai is pressing for an alteration of the conditions under which they may stand trial in the Mixed Court under a foreign assessor of a different nationality to their own, are officially denied.

According to those who arrived at Hankow on July 8 from Huan by a Nishini Kisen Kaisha steamer, the River Yuan in Huan Province, on account of the continuous rain of the past several days, has greatly risen, and dykes have been broken in many places, having turned Changteh into a lake. Thus navigation between Hankow and Changteh has become impossible.

We are informed by the Kallan Mining Administration that the total output of the Administration's mines for the week ending July 3, amounted to 48,282 tons and the sales during the period to 45,816 tons.

On being accosted by a constable at Reclamation Street on Saturday night, a Chinese dropped a sack he was carrying and escaped. The sack contained eight revolvers and 800 rounds of ammunition.

Sub-Inspector Stimson, of the Kowloon City Police Station, effected the arrest of five Chinese who are alleged to have taken part in snatching a pair of bangles from a Chinese girl on Saturday afternoon. They were remanded for a week when brought before the Kowloon Magistrate yesterday.

A large number of Kowloon motor cyclists were fined \$2 each at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday for causing obstruction by parking their machines on the left side of the post at the exit of the Star Ferry wharf near the Railway Station. Most of them pleaded that the prohibition had not been sufficiently advertised.

Washington, July 9.—The executive council of the American Federation of Labour today issued a warning against the sending of a mission to Russia in the name of American labour and made an appeal to organised labour for funds to assist the striking miners of Great Britain. The executive council assailed organisations believed to be communistic and stated that the families of the British miners were at a deplorable condition. The appeal for funds was made in response to a request from the British Miners' Federation.

The free riding of Chinese navy men on trams in Nantao has long been a sore point with the Chinese Tramway Company. Some weeks ago a fight occurred between a bluejacket and a tram conductor which resulted in a general strike of tramwaymen. The strike was settled, however, and Admiral Yang Shu-chuang, local commander-in-chief of the Chinese naval forces, has agreed to pay the company \$30 per month for the free transportation of his men. The naval authorities also tendered an apology for the affair, and guaranteed that there would be no further assaults on tramwaymen.

In Shanghai, on July 10 Li Nyo-dee and Li Chao-ping, convicted in the Mixed Court of armed robbery and kidnapping, were executed near the South Station by the Chinese constabulary.

The Shanghai Students' Union met at their headquarters in Chapel on July 10 and decided to send representatives to Marshal Sun Chuan-fang and Colonel Yen Chun-yang asking them to re-open the Shanghai General Labour Union.

A Hankow report of July 8 says:—The Yangtze River still continues to rise and the water gauge here now indicates more than 47 feet, thus rendering navigation by steamers plying between here and Shanghai, Ichang, and Hunan impossible.

The Civil Governor of Kiangsi wired to the Cabinet on July 10 stating that the floods there are causing much harm to the people and relief measures are needed. The matter was considered at a Cabinet meeting and was referred to the Finance Ministry.

Quite a fierce morality campaign is being carried on by the Chinese authorities in Shanghai, who have expressed their condemnation of all sorts of pleasures and arts in strong terms. The Shanghai District magistrate has now suppressed a local College of Arts for immorality in exhibiting nude figures for the use of students.

All motors, whether owned by foreigners or natives, that ply in Chinese territory must have Chinese licences, according to an order issued by the local Chinese authorities. The new order is effective from July 10. An office for receiving licence fees and issuing licences has been established at the inquiry department in the North Station of the Shanghai-Nanking Railway.

The sum of \$8,500, furnished by Mr. Yu Yeh-ching, Chairman of the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce, Shanghai, was distributed on July 13 in Pootung to sailors employed on launches, who sustained losses in the general strike of 1925. Representatives of the Chamber of Commerce and officials of the Woonung and Shanghai Constabulary will supervise the distribution. The money was given by Mr. Yu to the Chinese Seamen's Union. The \$14,500 still owed to the Union by the Chamber will be distributed later to sailors on ocean-going vessels.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

Mr. B. H. Stearns, of the Canadian Pacific Railways in Shanghai, is shortly due for six months' home leave.

Madame Herriot, wife of M. Herriot, formerly Premier of France, arrived in Tokyo on the morning of July 9, and was entertained at luncheon by Baron Shidebana the following day.

Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang's personal chaplain, the Rev. Yui Sing-ching, returned to Shanghai from Nanking, where he has been visiting his parents, on July 10. He will shortly leave for Europe and the United States to study education and politics.

It is reported that in view of the increasing number of German residents at Tsingtao and the important business interests they are re-establishing in the former German colony, the German Government is considering the advisability of appointing a Consul to the port. At present German interests in Tsingtao are looked after by the German Consul in Tsinan.

Simla, July 1.—India will be represented at the Imperial Conference, next October, by the Secretary of State for India, Mr. Chundrick and the Maharajah of Baroda. The delegates representing India at the meetings of the Assembly of the League of Nations next September will be Sir William Vincent, the Maharaja of Kapurthala and Khan Bahadur Sheikh Abdul Qadir.

Dr. Jose M. Galvez is perhaps the first Chilean educator to visit Peking in order to establish closer intellectual relations between China and his country, says the "Peking Leader." For the past four years he has been touring the world, spending two years as exchange professor at the University of California, and the University of Berlin. He is a member of the faculty of the University of Chile and has received the degrees of LL.D. from the University of Southern California and Ph.D. from Berlin. He is also a representative of the well known South American newspaper, "La Nacion," of Santiago de Chile. During his visit in Peking he is stopping at the Hotel du Nord.

Prince Gustaf Adolf, Crown Prince of Sweden, is expected to arrive in Japan from San Francisco on September 2.

The well-known Chinese female labour agitator, Moh Tz-ying, is standing her trial before the Chinese authorities in Chapel.

Judge Peter Grain was among the passengers to leave Shanghai for Tientsin by the s.s. Tungchow on July 10. Miss Marshall left by the same vessel for Weihaiwei.

It is believed that Mr. Niu Chuang-shan, a famous political veteran, and a native of Kiukiang, will become manager of the Nanchang-Kiukiang Railway. He is a large shareholder in the railway. He is well-to-do and popular among the local politicians as well as among other classes of the people here, who hope that if he takes the post he will be able to improve the administration of the railway.



Miss Margaret Bridger has been chosen Queen of the Apple Blossom fête held annually in Winchester, Virginia, to celebrate the promise of the district's most valuable crop.

Mr. Lewis Deer, associate editor of the "Daily Guardian" and "Smith's Weekly," Sydney, Australia, is staying at the Astor House.

Shanghai July 13.—R. A. Frost, prominent Hankow attorney, returned from America on the Empress of Russia, and is in Shanghai for a short visit. He will return to Hankow at the end of the week.

The deaths at Fengchen of Miss Ida M. Nilsson and of Mr. Andersen, brother of the C.I.M. (Swedish Alliance Branch) are announced. These two missionaries succumbed to typhus fever, contracted through nursing the wounded soldiers of the Kuomintang being cared for in Fengchen, says the "Peking Leader."

Two popular members of the foreign community—Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Cossor—left by the Empress of Asia on June 30. Mr. and Mrs. Cossor have been many years in Kobe and have taken a large part in the social activities of the port. Unfortunately Mr. Cossor has suffered a good deal of ill-health lately, so they have decided to try a change of residence.

Peking, July 9.—The Panshen Lama, one of the "living Buddhas," to-day at noon prayed in public from a platform erected at Ying Tai in the Imperial City, calling upon heaven to cause rain to fall upon North China. It was one of his first appearances in public since his arrival here last winter. Incense was burned from great braziers on the platform as the famous cleric offered prayers.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Schuhl returned to Shanghai on Sunday (July 11) after a trip to the North occupying over a fortnight during which time they visited several of the outposts including Ichang. Mr. Schuhl on the trip combined business with pleasure and one of the reasons he went North was to investigate the charges made against Charles R. Cox who has been charged in the United States Court for China with embezzlement. Mr. L. G. Huser, who was also on a similar mission as representative for the U.S. Court, returned to Shanghai with Mr. Schuhl.

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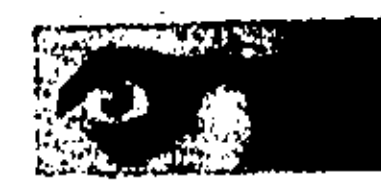
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Harry K. Thaw and Evelyn Nesbit met in Atlantic City, giving rise to reports that they would be remarried. At the reunion was Russell Thaw, Evelyn's son, and denial was made that he had left a Chicago hotel without paying his bill.



Here is the wedding cake prepared for the wedding breakfast of Emily Smith, daughter of the Governor of New York, and Major J. A. Warner, head of the State Police.



LOLA FISHER



ANDREW MELLON

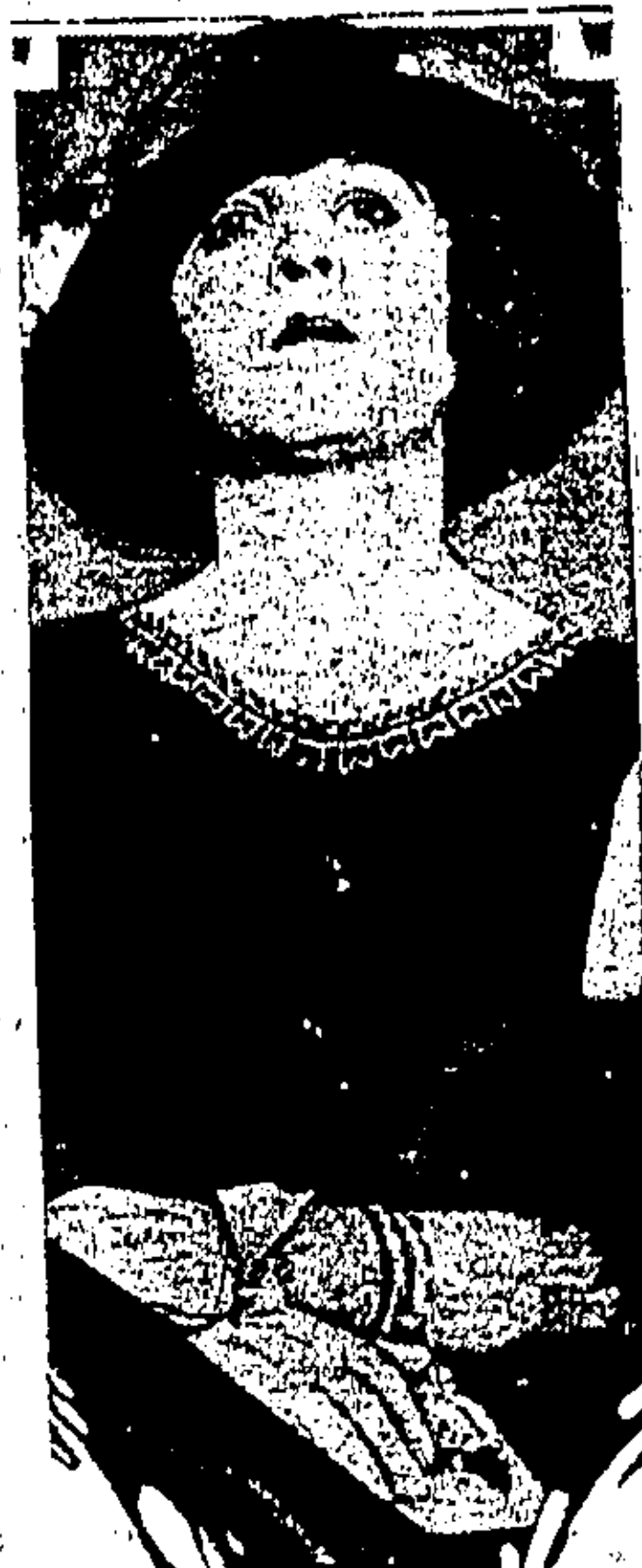


NICHOLAS M. BUTLER



JOHN R. PRENTICE

Lola Fisher, the actress, has been seriously ill. Mr. Andrew Mellon, U.S. Secretary of the Treasury, is leaving for Europe on a holiday. Mr. Nicholas Murray Butler denies that he is a candidate for President on a "wet" platform. Mr. John Rockefeller Prentice, grandson of the Oil King, has won a \$75 prize for excellence in Latin at Yale.



In a suit based on the chance remark of Mr. David L. Meyer to the effect that she was his wife, Miss Muriel Spring, a New York actress, is demanding \$2,000 a month alimony, \$5,000 counsel fees and \$2,500 for a vacation in Europe.



SEN. REED SMOOT



CHARLES W. MORSE



MURIEL M. MCCORMICK



BISHOP W. M. BROWN

Senator Reed Smoot was stricken with acute indigestion in Washington. Charles W. Morse is charged with using the mails to defraud. Miss Muriel McCormick, a Chicago heiress, was a patient at the Memorial Branch of the Massachusetts Homeopathic Hospital, Boston, a short time before her father, Mr. Harold McCormick. Bishop W. M. Brown lost his suit against the Protestant Episcopal Church to restrain excommunication proceedings.



KING FUAD



ZAGHLOUL PASHA



ORIS P. VAN SWERINGEN



DAVID LLOYD GEORGE

Reluctance of King Fuad of Egypt to appoint Zaghlool Pasha as Premier, in spite of his victory in the elections nearly caused a crisis in Egypt. Mr. Oris P. Van Sweringen, who, with his brother, M.J., controls the destinies of several U.S. railways, was reported to have prepared a new plan to merge several railways with the Nickel Plate system. Mr. David Lloyd George denies that he intends to join the Labour Party.



Anton Koepke (53) left New York on a cross-country trek, promising to live on water until he reached Pittsburgh, and thereafter eating only whole wheat.

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